



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT EIR NO. 37-03 LONG BEACH AIRPORT TERMINAL AREA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

What is a Notice of Availability: The City of Long Beach has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to address the potential environmental impacts associated with improvements to the Long Beach Airport (the Airport). The document has been prepared in conformance with CEQA (Public Resources Code 21000 et seq.) and assesses the potential individual and cumulative impacts of the Proposed Project. The City, as the lead agency, will review and consider the Long Beach Airport EIR in its decision to approve, revise, or deny the project. The purpose of this Notice of Availability (NOA) is to inform local residents, institutions, and other interested parties about the availability of the Draft EIR during the Public Comment Period and to solicit comments regarding the Draft EIR.

Project Location & Description: The Proposed Project is located at the Airport. The Proposed Project provides improvements to the existing Airport Terminal Building and related facilities at the Airport in order to accommodate recent increases in flight activity at the Airport consistent with operational limitations of the Airport Noise Compatibility Ordinance and the 1995 Settlement Agreement. The Proposed Project includes construction of, or alteration to, the 13 areas listed and described below:

- Holdrooms
- Concession Area
- Passenger Security Screening
- Baggage Security Screening
- Baggage Claim Devices
- Baggage Service Office
- Restrooms
- Office Space
- Ticketing Facilities
- Airline Gates
- Aircraft Parking Positions
- Vehicular Parking
- Traffic and Pedestrian Circulation

Thanks for this notice but you should know I approve of everything the LB airport needs to do to keep serving us and stay in operation. I lived under the take-off path 20 years and now live under the landing path and I love the beautiful planes and love using the close convenient little LB airport and don't care about the noise. Those "NIMBYS" all need to get a life. J. L. Rinaldi

The terminal area improvements are being designed to accommodate the 41 airline flights and 25 commuter flights, passengers associated with those flights, and security requirements imposed by TSA. Considering all improvements, the size of the terminal area facilities would increase from 56,320 square feet to 102,850 square feet. There would also be additional area at the Airport that would be covered, though not enclosed in a building. The majority of all the improvements would occur in the vicinity of the existing Airport Terminal Building, the aircraft ramp area, and terminal area parking lot. However, by providing up to 14 aircraft parking positions, the Proposed Project would displace general aviation aircraft that are located on land leased to Million Air Inc. The Proposed Project would relocate the general aviation aircraft to Parcel O, which is currently undeveloped and is located at the south end of runway.

List of Anticipated Significant Environmental Effects: Draft EIR 37-03 examines the potential impacts generated by the Proposed Project in relation to the following CEQA Checklist categories: aesthetics, air quality, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous wastes, land use and relevant planning, noise, public services, and transportation. The Proposed Project would result in significant, unavoidable short-term impacts to air quality during the various stages of construction. In addition, the Proposed Project would result in potentially significant impacts on aesthetics, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, and noise; however, these impacts could be reduced with implementation of the proposed mitigation program. The Proposed Project would also result in beneficial impacts with respect to traffic and circulation.

Public Comment Period: The Public Comment Period is from Monday, NOVEMBER 7, 2005 to Thursday, DECEMBER 22, 2005.

SUBMIT ALL COMMENTS OR OTHER RESPONSES TO THIS NOTICE IN WRITING TO:

Angela Reynolds, Environmental Officer
City of Long Beach
Planning and Building Department
333 W. Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90802

P.S. In my opinion the City Council doesn't have a clue what the hell they're doing and are afraid to make a move or a decision about the 710, the airport or the Port without delaying everything for expensive "studies", etc. ad infinitum, the Mayor's running all over the world at our expense. They're all useless to progress. Even put the QM at risk. IDIOTS.

In addition, comments can be e-mailed to: AirportEIR@longbeach.gov

If e-mail comments are submitted with attachments, any attachments should be delivered separately, in writing, and in person or by regular mail, to the address specified above. The virus protection measures of the City's e-mail system, as well as the variety of potential formats for attachments, limit the ability for attachments to be delivered by e-mail. The website contains directions on how to provide comments via e-mail.

It should also be noted that a transcript of verbal comments will be made at each of the public meetings. These comments will also be responded to in writing as part of the Final EIR.

Where Can I See a Copy of the Draft EIR: Copies of this Draft EIR, the technical appendices, and cited or referenced studies or reports are available for review at the City of Long Beach, Planning and Building Department, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, Fourth Floor. The Draft EIR and technical appendices are also available for review on the City of Long Beach website (www.lgb.org) and in the following libraries:

Alamitos Neighborhood Library
1836 East Third Street
Long Beach, CA 90802

Bret Harte Neighborhood Library
1595 West Willow Street
Long Beach, CA 90810

Mark Twain Neighborhood Library
1325 East Anaheim Street
Long Beach, CA 90813

Brewitt Neighborhood Library
4036 East Anaheim Street
Long Beach, CA 90804

Iacoboni Library
5571 Orange Avenue
Lakewood, CA 90712

Ruth Bach Neighborhood Library
4055 Bellflower Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90806

Dana Neighborhood Library
3680 Atlantic Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90807

Bay Shore Neighborhood Library
195 Bay Shore
Long Beach, CA 90803

Main Library
101 Pacific Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90822

Los Altos Neighborhood Library
5614 Britton
Long Beach, CA 90815

Burnett Neighborhood Library
560 East Hill Street
Long Beach, CA 90806

Signal Hill Library
1770 East Hill Street
Signal Hill, CA 90755

North Neighborhood Library
5571 Orange Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90805

El Dorado Neighborhood Library
2900 Studebaker Road
Long Beach, CA 90815

Key Dates: Four key dates that have been set at this time.

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| November 29, 2005 | A public meeting will be held at The Long Beach Grand located at 4101 E. Willow Street, Long Beach. The intent of the meeting is to provide the public an overview of the findings of the EIR. The public will have an opportunity to provide comments at this time. Verbal comments made at this meeting will be responded to as part of the Final EIR. |
| December 3, 2005 | A second public meeting will be held at the City Council chambers (333 W. Ocean Boulevard) to provide the public an overview of the findings of the EIR. The public will have an opportunity to provide comments at this time. Verbal comments made at this meeting will be responded to as part of the Final EIR. |
| December 15, 2005 | A joint meeting of the Planning Commission and Cultural Heritage Commission will be held at the City Council chambers. |
| December 22, 2005 | The EIR is being circulated for a 45-day public review period. The review period closes on December 22, 2005. All comments received by the end of the review period will be responded to in writing. |